

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

BERNARD BOUSCHER, UPPER  
PENINSULA PERSON OF THE YEAR

## HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 6, 1995*

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Bernard Bouschor, who has been named the Michigan Upper Peninsula's Person of the Year by the Upper Peninsula Commission for Area Progress. On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives and the citizens of Michigan, I commend Mr. Bouschor on this achievement.

Mr. Bouschor is chairman and executive director of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, a position he has held since 1987. The role of the Upper Peninsula Commission for Area Progress is to promote economic and human development, and Bernard Bouschor has been instrumental in this role.

In the last 4 years alone, Sault Chippewa tribal business revenue has grown from \$32 million to \$228 million a year. Additionally, the number of employees has grown from 400 to more than 2,700, making the Sault Chippewa the Upper Peninsula's largest employer. This is from a tribe that was not even federally recognized until 1975.

Much of this success can be attributed to Bernard Bouschor's tenacity, perseverance, and hard work. Mr. Bouschor grew up in Sault Ste. Marie as one of nine children in a home without running water. Despite missing 2 years of school after contracting polio as a teenager, Mr. Bouschor was the only one of his siblings to attend college. It was from this experience that he learned the importance of self reliance, a lesson he now carries to his leadership of the tribe.

While many native American tribes that have casino gambling make cash payments to tribal members, Mr. Bouschor refuses to do this. Instead, profits are invested in a variety of business ventures that will support the tribe if there is ever a decline in casino gambling revenue. These investments include two auto parts plants, a neon factory, and various real estate purchases.

To achieve this diversity of business ventures, Bouschor created an independent commission composed of tribal members and outside business people to locate potential investments. In this way, the tribe was able to draw on business expertise from outside the local area.

Mr. Speaker, with Bernard Bouschor's leadership, the sky's the limit for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Again, I congratulate Mr. Bouschor on being named the Michigan Upper Peninsula's Person of the Year.

ANNA CERVENAK HONORED

## HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 6, 1995*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable woman from my district in Pennsylvania, Ms. Anna Cervenak. On December 7, the Exploring Division of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council of the Boy Scouts of America will bestow its highest honor upon Anna at its annual luncheon. I am pleased to have the opportunity to bring Anna's many accomplishments to the attention of my colleagues.

Anna Cervenak is an exemplary role model for young women who aspire to leadership in both the business and service communities. A native of Forty Fort, PA, and a graduate of its high school, Anna joined Bell Telephone as an operator soon after graduation. Working her way up through the ranks at Bell, Anna was an employment representative, full time speaker, and an engineering tracer. Since 1984, Anna has been external affairs director for Bell Atlantic, Pennsylvania. She received her bachelor's degree from College Misericordia in 1986 and her master's degree in 1990 from Marywood College.

Mr. Speaker, Anna Cervenak has provided valuable leadership to a wide variety of civic organizations. She is past president of the Quota Club of Wilkes-Barre and she currently serves on the boards of the Domestic Violence Center, Victims Resource Center, Junior Achievement, American Cancer Society, Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, and Hospice St. John. She serves on the Luzerne County Business Incubator Advisory Board and the United Way. Anna is the immediate past president of the board of the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania. She has just completed a 6-year term on the board of the Luzerne County Commission for Women.

She also currently serves on the board of the President's Council at King's College and the Luzerne County Community College Foundation Board. She holds a seat on the Lourdesmout Board of Directors and the Lacawac Sanctuary Board of Trustees. She was recently appointed to the Advisory Board of the Wilkes-Barre Penn State Campus. Anna has also just begun a term on the Land Use Planning Board of the Earth Conservancy.

This year, I witnessed first hand Anna's drive and determination as we worked together to save thousands of jobs at the Tobyhanna Army Depot. Anna cochaired the Blue Ribbon Task Force which was the organizational core of the successful effort to save the depot from closure.

Mr. Speaker, Anna Cervenak has been honored in the past for her dedication to her community. In 1991, Anna received the "Athena Award" as Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce's "Woman of the Year." In 1994, she was awarded the "Pathfinders Award" at the

Wyoming Valley Women's Conference. In January 1995 she was named "Woman of the Year" by the Wyoming Valley Women's Club.

Although Anna's community service is well known and widely appreciated in Northeastern Pennsylvania, it is her warm, caring personality and affable demeanor that endears her to us. No matter how demanding her schedule, as she rushes from meeting to meeting, Anna takes time to form friendships with those around her. She is known for her generosity and concern for those in need. I am extremely proud to have this chance to join with the Exploring Division of the Boy Scouts in paying tribute to this extraordinary community leader.

## WORDS OF CONGRATULATION ON ENACTMENT OF LEGISLATION DESIGNATING THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM

## HON. WILLIAM F. CLINGER, JR.

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 6, 1995*

Mr. CLINGER. Mr. Speaker, I ask that the following letter be inserted in its entirety into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. The writer of the letter is a constituent of mine, Thomas D. Larson. Tom served President Bush as a very creative and dynamic Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration. Prior to that he was Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, and for many years he was a Prof. of Engineering at Pennsylvania State University.

Given his breadth of experience, I believe Tom's words of congratulation to my friend, neighbor, and colleague, Transportation Committee Chairman BUD SHUSTER, have special merit and are aptly deserved. And in closing, I want to join with Tom to signal my profound appreciation for the hard work and capable leadership of BUD SHUSTER. He has done, and continues to do, a masterful job.

LEMONT, PA,  
*November 20, 1995.*

Hon. BUD SHUSTER,  
*Chairman, House Committee on Transportation  
and Infrastructure, Rayburn House Office  
Building, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Congratulations! Yet again, you have moved America forward in transportation by putting the NHS on the President's desk.

Your call reporting the House action was typical of your thoughtfulness and I am deeply appreciative. My role in NHS has been minimal—other than as remote supporter. Your role has been pivotal since day one. You deserve warm accolades from virtually every sector of American society. Transportation is, without doubt, a key thread in the fabric of that society.

In his message to the 9th Congress, President Jefferson captured the essence of what you have done for America. He said, "By these [public works and transportation improvements] new channels of communications will be opened between the states, the lines of separation will disappear, their interests will be identified, and their union cemented by new and indissoluble ties." He

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